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LETTER DATED 7 JULY 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter from the Swiss company MEBO LTD. referring to a photograph which clearly shows that the extremely small fragment of the timing device MST-13 allegedly found in the wreckage of the Pan Am aircraft on flight 103 that crashed at Lockerbie in 1988 belonged to an "O series" timing device which had never been sent to Libya.

This letter refutes United States of America and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland allegations concerning the purchase by Libya of such a device and the suspicion that two Libyan citizens were involved in the Lockerbie incident.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Abuzed Omar DORDA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

[Original: English]

Letter dated 2 July 1998 from the Swiss company Meister and Bollier concerning a timer found at the site of the Lockerbie disaster

As you surely know, it was in 1990 when the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Justice Department requested official international legal assistance from the Swiss Federal Police in the matter of the Lockerbie disaster.

Following the written assurance of reciprocity by the British Ministry of Interior, (signed document, dated 25 September 1990), according to its article 8, the company Meister and Bollier, (MEBO Ltd.), agreed to be questioned in detail by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Scottish policemen.

At that time, official police records clearly described and pointed to a very tiny fragment of an MST-13 timer that had allegedly been discovered in the debris at the Lockerbie air crash site. This tiny timer fragment had close similarity to parts of MST-13 timers that had allegedly been confiscated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Togo and Senegal.

The official request for legal assistance by the Lord Advocate from Scotland also points specifically to prototypes and photographs of the MST-13 timer.

During the questioning of Meister and Bollier by the Swiss Federal Police, (in the presence of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Scottish Police), a police photograph picturing an MST-13 timer-fragment was officially being added to the official questioning protocol.

This illustration shows a very tiny fragment of a circuit board from an MST-13 timer.

Several requests by Meister and Bollier to be allowed to review the official photograph have been bluntly turned down all the years since the official questioning session.

It is only several weeks ago that Meister and Bollier received a copy of the official colour photograph via third party "generosity". This photo very clearly shows that the tiny MST-13 timer fragment is part of a prototype "O-series". Meister and Bollier has manufactured exactly three (3) different models of such an MST-13 timer.

The tiny fragment pictured in the official police photo from the Lockerbie files is part of a "O-series" prototype, of which exactly three (3) circuit boards have been manufactured. Two of these three MST-13 timers were delivered to the "Institute for Technical Research" in the then German Democratic Republic (East-Germany) in 1985.

The third of these prototypes was never fitted or completed and has subsequently been recorded as missing from the premises of Meister and Bollier with batches of special film material to manufacture such printed circuit boards.

It is quite obvious that we, Meister and Bollier, contacted the Swiss Federal Police immediately following receipt and close examination of the colour photograph that we received recently through third-party generosity. We now expect to be called for a new and revised police protocol.

In view of this new development, we, Meister and Bollier, are quite certain that we were not allowed to re-examine the official police photograph of this fragment because all officials are well aware of the fact that said MST-13 timer fragment has never been delivered to Libya.

Mebo Ltd.
Edwin Bollier